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FEDERAL INMATE SENTENCED FOR ILLEGAL WEAPON

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. – Bradley J. Schlozman, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced today that an inmate at the United States Medical Center for Federal Prisoners in Springfield, Mo., has been sentenced in federal court for illegally possessing a weapon.

Vernon Adams, 49, an inmate at the medical facility, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Otrrie D. Smith on Wednesday to two years and three months in federal prison without parole. That sentence will run consecutive to the 30-year sentence **Adams** is serving as a result of a 2004 federal felony conviction in the Middle District of Florida for conspiracy to possess crack cocaine and marijuana with intent to distribute.

On Oct. 6, 2005, **Adams** pleaded guilty being in possession of a homemade weapon – a razor blade embedded in a plastic toothbrush handle. **Adams** was spotted in possession of the weapon by surveillance cameras on Feb. 19, 2005, during an altercation with another inmate.

This case was prosecuted by Deputy U.S. Attorney Michael A. Jones. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Bureau of Prisons.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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